

December 10, 2007 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

Council President Paul M. Rodrigues, Presiding

Vice Chair Shirley R. Mello

Councillor Barbara A. Barrow

Councillor Louis P. DiPalma

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr., Members Present

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Absent

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On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

Present also were Finance Director Shawn Brown and Town Solicitor Francis Holbrook.

1. Resolution of the Council, re: Commendations (6) to honor Town Employees and Residents involved in war efforts.

Councillor Silveira reviewed the process leading up to this event along with reading the following:

On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted

unanimously to pass said resolution read by Council President Rodrigues and Councillor Silveria to Steven J. Ferreira, Ferenc Karoly, Jr., Alan G. Levada, Christopher J. Rosa and Carrie L. Rushworth.

Vice Chair Mello requested all to also honor A.J. Bucci who currently in Iraq.

Council President and Councillor Silveira read and presented the commendations.

2. E-mail communication of Councillor Silveira, re: Proposed process to formally honor our Town Employees and Residents involved in war efforts.

On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said email communication.

Councillor Silveira requests this item be continued to the next regular meeting of the Council to be held on January 7, 2008.

On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to continue this matter to the next regular meeting of the Council to be held on January 7, 2008.

3. Application of Candigit Excavating Corp., Swansea, MA, for a Drain Layer's License for the 2007-2008 licensing year. (NEW)

On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to grant said license.

On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to recess this meeting for ten minutes.

On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to reconvene this meeting at 6:30 PM

4. Legislative Agenda with General Assembly Delegation and School Department representatives

Present also were Senator June N. Gibbs, Representative Amy G. Rice, Representative Russell Jackson, Town Solicitor Francis Holbrook, Finance Director Shawn Brown, and, representing the School Department, Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Business Manager Catherine McLeish, Facilities Director Edward Collins, Director of Technology Linda Savastano, School Committee Chair Michael Crowley, Vice Chair Liana Ferreira Fenton and Committee member Theresa S. Spengler.

School officials reviewed the department's legislative agenda items as follows:

There was considerable discussion concerning Military students, Rogers Vocational School and the impact of S3050.

Councillor DiPalma proposed a town legislative agenda as follows:

There was considerable discussion concerning Group Homes, Middletown Green Lane Park/Midway Pier, Hotel Tax, and the Sakonnet River Bridge.

5. Budget with School to review estimated revenues and expenses

Discussion was concerning the FY-08-09 budget, Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger presented a handout, which she reviewed entered here:

6. Executive Session – Pursuant to the provisions RIGL, Section 42-46-5. (a) (1) personnel (Town Administrator matters)

This matter was rescheduled to Sunday, December 9, 2007 at 3:30 P.M.

On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk